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JERUSALEM HOLD FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUMMARY: FONMIN ALLON WAS EXTREMELY SATISFIED WITH HIS RECENT VISIT TO EUROPE DURING WHICH HE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL IN BERLIN, MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF EUROPEAN JEWRY IN ZURICH, PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO WEST GERMANY, AND HAD DINNER WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IN LONDON. ALLON WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH HIS VISIT TO GERMANY, CONFIRMING OTHER REPORTS ON THIS SUBJECT. ALLON STATED THAT ON ALL OF HIS STOPS HE HEARD HIGH PRAISE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS IN GENERAL, AND HIS MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY IN PARTICULAR. END  
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SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON DISCUSSED WITH ME IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL ON MARCH 6 HIS RECENT VISIT TO BERLIN, BONN, ZURICH AND LONDON. THE FOLLOWING VIEWS OF ALLON WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ADDRESSEES AND ARE INTENDED PARTICULARLY TO SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION IN REFTELS CONCERNING ALLON'S VISIT TO THE FRG.

2. ALLON WAXED ELOQUENTLY ON HIS VISIT TO BONN. HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT AND, OF COURSE, FLATTERED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT LITERALLY ROSE FROM THE SICK BED TO SPEND TWO HOURS WITH HIM. HE WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH SCHMIDT'S INTELLIGENCE AND ABILITY TO GRASP ALL ASPECTS OF FOREIGN POLICY. HE WAS ALSO VERY IMPRESSED WITH HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH FON MIN GENSCHER. MOREOVER, ALLON WAS PARTICULARLY HAPPY ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE OF HIS VISIT TO GERMANY, AND FOR THIS HE WAS EXTREMELY GENEROUS IN HIS PRAISE OF THE GERMANS. HE NOTED THAT THE DECISION TO BEGIN HIS VISIT IN DACHAU (AT HIS SPECIFIC REQUEST) WHERE HE MET WITH JEWISH LEADERS FROM ALL OVER GERMANY, SET THE STAGE FOR A VISIT WHICH, WHILE NOT FORGETTING THE PAST, WAS FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE. ALLON FURTHER NOTED THAT WHILE HE AND HIS GERMAN HOST DID NOT AGREE ON EVERYTHING, HE WAS VERY SATISFIED WITH THE OVERALL RESULTS OF THE VISIT AND HE REMARKED THAT THE DISAGREEMENTS ON POLICY (I.E., OVER THE NOV 1973 EC STATEMENT ON THE MIDDLE EAST) WERE CONDUCTED IN A SPIRIT OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN FIENDS.

3. ALLON ALSO SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE MEETING IN BERLIN OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL. HE WAS VERY HIGH IN HIS PRAISE OF WILLY BRANDT, WHOSE INTELLIGENT PARTICIPATION ALLOWED ALLON TO AVOID ACrimonious DISAGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS. HE NOTED HE WAS OFTEN ABLE TO ASSOCIATE HIMSELF WITH REMARKS PREVIOUSLY MADE BY BRANDT THUS AVOIDING SOME POTENTIALLY NASTY SCRAPS. HE COMMENTED RATHER HUMOROUSLY ON THE GOLDA-MEIR-KRIESKY QUARREL, SUGGESTING IT WAS AN UNIMPORTANT SIDELINE TO THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. ALLON WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED ABOUT HIS DISCUSSION WITH SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME OF SWEDEN'S ATTITUDE ON THE PLO. ALLON STATED THAT HE TOLD PALME THAT ISRAEL WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO, NO MATTER WHAT POSITION THAT ORGANIZATION MIGHT CONFIDENTIAL

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EVENTUALLY ADOPT VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL ITSELF. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE FOUND IT HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY PALME INSISTED THAT ISRAEL DEAL WITH THE PLO WHILE THIS ORGANIZATION REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND CONTINUED TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST INNOCENTS. HE CLAIMED THAT PALME AGREED WITH HIM AND SAID THAT SWEDEN WOULD NOT OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZE THE PLO UNTIL OR UNLESS THE PLO RECOGNIZED THE RIGHT OF ISRAEL TO EXIST AND ALSO STOPPED TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. ALLON SEEMED TO THINK THIS

WAS A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT CONCERNING OFFICAL SWEDISH ATTITUDES.

5. ALLON BRIEFLY DESCRIBED HIS MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN IN LONDON, NOTING IT WAS A SUCCESS. HE DESCRIBED THE SUBSTANCE AS SIMILAR TO THAT OF HIS MEETINGS IN GERAMANY. HE NOTED IN THIS RESPECT THAT THE GERMANS AND CALLAGHAN MADE STRONG PITCHES ON THE NEED FOR QUICK MOVEMENT AND CONTINUOUS MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IN THE CONTEXT OF THESE DISCUSSIONS THEY DESCRIBED THE GREAT PROBLEMS FACING EUROPE AND THE REQUIREMENT TO ASSURE CONTINUED SUPPLIES OF ARAB OIL FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

6. ALLON ALSO BRIEFLY DESCRIBED HIS MEETING IN ZUICH (ON THE WAY FROM BERLIN TO BONN) WITH LEADERS OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITIES FROM ALL WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. HE WAS PLEASED THAT ABOUT 400 PERSONS GATHERED IN ZURICH FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS AN EXTREMELY USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

7 ACCORDING TO ALLON, THE MAJOR IMPRESSIONS FROM THE AGGREGATE OF HIS EXPERIENCES IN EUROPE WAS THAT THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT " CALMING OF THE ATMOSPHERE" IN EUROPE AS CONCERNS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. EUROPEANS, HE SAID, ARE NOT AS PANICKED AS THEY WERE EVEN SIX MONTHS AGO AND APPEARED TO SHOW MORE " UNDERSTANDING" FOR ISRAEL'S PROBLEMS. ALLON ALSO SAID THAT HIS TRIP RECONFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT THE UK, FRG AND NETHERLANDS WERE THE BEST EUROPEAN FRIENDS OF THE U.S. AND ISRAEL. ALLON STATED THAT ONE OF THE MOST STRIKING PHENOMENON OF ALL OF HIS EUROPEAN STOPS WAS THE HIGH PRAISE HEARD EVERYWHERE FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS IN GENERAL, AND HIS DIPLOMATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN PARTICULAR.

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